

Tea plantation in Kalahandi and Phulbani districts of Orissa

10. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land in Kalahandi and Phulbani districts in Orissa that has been brought under tea plantation, so far;

(b) the total area of land that had been earlier earmarked for tea plantation in those districts, and

(c) what are the reasons for which tea plantation has not been started in the entire areas earmarked for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL) (a) According to information available with Tea Board, Tea Planting in commercial scale has not yet started in these districts. Four lakh tea seedlings have been raised in nursery at Simanbadi, Phulbani district.

(b) Government of Orissa has identified 2507 hectares of Government land in Thuamul Rampur Tahasil in Kalahandi District for tea planting out of which advance possession of 1200 hectares have been handed over to a State Undertaking. State Government has also decided for allotment of 400 hectares of land in favour of M/s. Bajarang Tea Manufacturing Company Pvt Ltd., Calcutta and another 400 hectares in favour of M/s. Orissa Industries Ltd., Barang for raising tea/coffee plantation in Orissa.

(c) Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the State Undertaking and M/s. Bajarang Tea Manufacturing Company Pvt Ltd is necessary before commencing the tea plantation in the district.

Increasing the production of rubber

11. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts are being made to in-

crease the production of rubber in the country; and

(b) the year by which the country is likely to become self-sufficient in rubber and the steps being taken in that direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL). (a) The following measures are now implemented by the Rubber Board to enhance production of Natural Rubber:—

(1) Granting financial and technical assistance for new planting and replanting under Rubber Plantation Development Scheme

(2) Producing and distributing high yielding planting materials.

(3) Rendering Advisory, Extension & training services.

(4) Encouraging Community Processing and Marketing among small holders

(5) Undertaking research on cultivation, production and processing of rubber. Under the Rubber Plantation Development Scheme, the following assistance are now provided:—

(i) Capital Subsidy at the rate of Rs. 5000/- per hectare to small holders owning upto 5 hectares in traditional areas and to all growers in non-traditional areas

(ii) Additional assistance for the use of high quality polybagged plants at the rate of Rs 6/- per plant subject to a maximum of Rs. 2700/- per hectare to all categories of growers

(iii) Long term loan assistance to the extent of planting and maintenance upto maturity from Banks operating under NABARD's Agricultural Refinancing Scheme. 3 per cent interest on such loans availed by the growers owning upto 5 hectares of rubber in traditional areas and to all growers in non-traditional areas being paid by the Board

(b) The country is likely to become self-sufficient in rubber by the end of the 8th Plan. To achieve this, a three pronged strategy on the following lines has been suggested by the Rubber Board during the 8th Plan:

(1) Expansion of area under rubber by 80,000 hectares,

(2) Replantation of old and low yielding areas with modern high yielding cultivars in an area of 40,000 hectares,

(3) Raising productivity of existing plantations by popularising adoption of modern technology in plant protection, manuring, harvesting and crop processing.

The proposal is pending finalisation of 8th Plan outlays.

Loss in Konark Jute Mill in Orissa

12. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Konark Jute Mill in Orissa is running at loss;

(b) if so, since when and what are the reasons therefor, and

(c) what steps have been taken to improve the performance of that mill.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) (a) to (c) Information in respect of Konark Jute Mill Ltd., a Joint Sec- for Undertaking of the Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Ltd. and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increasing export of handlooms and handicrafts from Orissa

13 SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries importing handlooms and handicrafts from Orissa;

(b) whether there is scope for increasing the export of handlooms and handicrafts from that State; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in that direction during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):

(a) State-wise export figures are not maintained. EEC and USA are main markets for export of handloom and handicraft products from India.

(b) and (c) Government have been taking a number of steps to boost exports of handlooms and handicrafts from the country, including Orissa, which include sending trade delegations, conducting market studies and market research, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines and distribution of publicity material, participation in fairs in major markets, quality improvement and grant of export incentives etc.

परिचालन में काला धन

14. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की पा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय अनुमानतः कुल कितना काला धन परिचालन में है ;

(ख) सरकार के मूल्यांकन के अनुसार किन-किन व्यवसायों में काले धन का निवेश किया गया है ;

(ग) काले धन का मुद्रास्फेति पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(घ) काले धन का पता लगाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रभावी कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री और विदेश मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री दिग्विजय सिंह) : (क) देश में काले धन के परिचालन की राशि के संबंध में कोई